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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. Prices in all other locations were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings were tight to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully sufficient for normal to at times heavy slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were 1 cent higher for the larger sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Loose egg movement was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to good for the tight to barely adequate offerings. Breakers in immediate need of heavy weight product were still paying the high side of the quoted range. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment fully steady to at times firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	68-72
LARGE	65-73	66-71
MEDIUM	50-58	53-55

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	48-52
MEDIUM	33-35
SMALL	14-18

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were one cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where features were present. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings from regular suppliers were usually sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand. Spent hen availability was at least adequate to fully adequate for normal to at times heavy processing schedules this week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-85	75-78
LARGE	67-82	72-74
MEDIUM	51-66	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement moderate to fairly good. Supplies adequate to close.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-82	75-76
LARGE	69.5-77	71-72
MEDIUM	53.5-60	55-57

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were mostly adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal to instances heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70.5-78	72-75
LARGE	69-76	70-73
MEDIUM	53.5-61	54-58

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices entered the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	81-85
LARGE	79-83
MEDIUM	63-67

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good where features are a factor. Offerings were mixed adequate to balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-77
LARGE	69-75
MEDIUM	54-60

WESTERN Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, 1-2 cents higher on extra large, 1 cent higher on large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 5%. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings in good balance.

CALIFORNIA Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 1 cent higher on large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly light. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 68. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 129, large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	115
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	103
MEDIUM	88

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-339	JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	219-229	LARGE	215-265
MEDIUM	199	MEDIUM	189-215

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 25, 2003 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 18, 2003 were 224,108 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	186,031	38,077	224,108
% change from the prior week.....	-5	-6	-5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to good for the tight to barely adequate offerings. Breakers in immediate need of heavy weight product were still paying the high side of the quoted range. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	50-53	51
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	35-40	

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were mostly about adequate and well cleared. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 21-JUL-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.32
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-JUL-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.25	8-8.75	8.43

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JULY 21, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	20.0	5.7	9.7	10.3	56.4
	Change	-0.9	3.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.7	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.3	48.6	13.9	16.3	31.1	134.2
	Change	1.2	3.5	1.6	-1.4	0.5	4%
Large	Curr Wk	39.8	92.2	60.2	67.5	98.0	357.7
	Change	-1.8	8.2	12.6	5.4	-0.7	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	19.4	36.1	16.9	24.5	36.7	133.6
	Change	-1.3	-1.8	1.1	4.8	1.7	3%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	7.4	4.2	13.3	6.4	35.1
	Change	1.1	1.9	0.6	7.7	0.7	52%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	26.5	9.8	13.1	6.4	61.5
	Change	0.6	2.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.7	41.1	17.5	25.7	29.9	127.9
	Change	0.6	-5.5	2.0	-0.4	-0.4	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	117.4	271.9	128.2	170.1	218.8	906.4
Percent	Change	0%	5%	17%	10%	1%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	906.4	6%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	271.3	-9%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,177.7	2%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 07, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 07, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 18, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							10.50	FUTURE LOADS				6.00	TOTAL LOADS				16.50
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	—	—	54.00	55.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	2.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
GL W XL	—	—	65.50	67.00	—	—	1.00										
GL W LG	—	—	64.00	65.00	60.00	63.00	2.50										
GL W MD	—	—	45.00	46.00	42.75	45.00	4.00										
GL W SM	31.00	33.50	33.00	35.00	—	—	2.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/14/03-07/18/03

CURRENT LOADS 99.75								FUTURE LOADS 38.75				TOTAL LOADS 138.50			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG		DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	51.67	54.00	53.38	54.43	—	54.00	21.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	54.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	68.00	70.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	42.50	45.00	1.00	GL W J	64.00	65.00	—	76.00	—	78.50	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	70.00	68.25	2.00	GL W XL	61.10	67.16	—	—	—	70.73	23.50
GL W J	62.00	—	—	—	65.00	—	4.00	GL W LG	60.00	63.14	—	—	—	66.08	26.50
GL W XL	—	64.00	64.38	65.34	61.42	—	44.25	GL W MD	43.77	48.00	—	—	46.00	50.67	14.50
GL W LG	—	64.63	63.10	63.88	57.27	60.71	42.50								
GL W MD	—	49.33	44.50	46.67	41.56	43.80	20.75								
GL W SM	31.00	33.17	31.25	33.25	—	—	7.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	48.40	54.00	51.75	28.25							
NRBS - 39	51.50	53.00	38.00	39.40	—	40.50	7.25								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/14/03	07/07/03	07/15/02
PACIFIC COAST	71	65	402
LOS ANGELES	48	48	340

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on extra large and large; steady on the balance. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	89.63
LARGE	86.63
MEDIUM	71.63
SMALL	52.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 07/06/03-07/12/03
30-dozen case 5,065

Receipts from the mainland: 06/29/03-07/05/03
30-dozen case 7,456

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 7/18/2003

Report Period: 7/06/2003 - 7/12/2003

	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases shipped to	Total State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	818	818
Colorado	0	720	1,666	2,386
Connecticut	0	0	810	810
Illinois	120	0	0	120
Indiana	0	0	820	820
Iowa	4,316	7,422	48,298	60,036
Minnesota	6,030	780	8,831	15,641
Missouri	0	0	3,168	3,168
Montana	0	0	794	794
North Carolina	720	0	80	800
Ohio	0	0	830	830
Oregon	2,340	586	688	3,614
Texas	780	0	3,420	4,200
Utah	3,201	2,400	8,520	14,121
Wisconsin	0	0	1,283	1,283
TOTAL	17,507	11,908	80,026	109,441
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	17,507	11,908	80,026	109,441